

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

The Office Action mailed February 13, 2006 has been carefully reviewed. Reconsideration of this application, as amended and in view of the following remarks, is respectfully requested. The claims presented for examination are: claims 1-11.

Specification

The Abstract was object to because it was longer than 150 words. Applicant has amended the application to substitute and new Abstract that is less than 150 words. Applicant believes this overcomes the objection to the Abstract and that a complete response has been made to this objection.

Double Patenting

Claims 1, 5, and 9 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 101 as claiming the same invention as that of claims 1, 2, 25, 26, 35, and 37 of prior U.S. Patent No. 6,693,943.

Applicant has cancelled claims 1, 5, and 9. Applicant believes this overcomes the rejection of claims 1, 5, and 9 under 35 U.S.C. 101 and that a complete response has been made to this rejection.

35 USC 102 Rejection

Claims 1, 5, and 9 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as anticipated by the Watanabe reference (U.S. Patent No. 5,920,588).

Applicant has cancelled claims 1, 5, and 9. Applicant believes this overcomes the rejection of claims 1, 5, and 9 under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) and that a complete response has been made to this rejection.

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 2-4, 6-8, 10, and 11 were objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and intervening claim.

Applicant has rewritten claims 2, 6, and 10 to appear in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and intervening claim. Claims 3-4, 7-8, and 11 depend from rewritten claims 2, 6, and 10. Applicant believes this places claims 2-4, 6-8, 10, and 11 in condition for allowance and that the application is in condition for allowance.

SUMMARY

The undersigned respectfully submits that, in view of the foregoing amendments and the foregoing remarks, the rejections of the claims raised in the Office Action dated February 13, 2006 have been fully addressed and overcome, and the present application is believed to be in condition for allowance. It is respectfully requested that this application be reconsidered, that the claims be allowed, and that this case be passed to issue. If it is believed that a telephone conversation would expedite the prosecution of the present application, or clarify matters with regard to its allowance, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned attorney at (925) 424-6897.

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